



City of Biggs
Agenda Item for the
next regular City Council Meeting
August 13, 2013, 6:30pm

**To: Honorable Mayor
And Members of the City Council**

Date: August 8, 2013

From: Steve Speights, PE – City Engineer

Subject: Monthly Activity Report

6th Street Bridge

We finally received Caltrans authorization to proceed with construction. The Notice to Contractors was published in the Chico Enterprise Record on July 31st. The mandatory pre-bid meeting was held August 8th at City Hall. Representatives of fourteen contractors attended and asked questions. The most questions were focused on the time limits of the Fish and Wildlife Service of October 1st to cease work in the channel.

The estimated short schedule is as follows:

- August 22 --- receive bids
- August 30 --- special council meeting to award to lowest bidder
- August 30 --- notify contractor of award
- Sept 11 --- Contractor submits signed contract and bonds
- Sept 13 --- City signs contract and issues notice to proceed
- Sept 16 --- Preconstruction meeting
- Sept 30 --- Contractor submittals received, contractor mobilized on site
- Oct 1 --- no further work in the channel until May 1, 2014

It is unlikely the contractor will be able to do anything significant in the channel before the time limit, except get de-watering and erosion control measures in place. I expect contractors will plan on starting construction activities on May 1st next year.

We have informally talked with Fish and Wildlife and assuming the channel work is under way, they are receptive to extending the permit time beyond Oct 1st, but have indicated they will have to follow a lengthy procedure of "formal" consultation before the permit time can be extended. It is unlikely that can happen before the Oct 1st limit.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 1 Design/ Funding

90% plans have been submitted to City staff review and a meeting next week to go over those comments is the next step. Completing details and general specifications will comprise the final 10%.

The SRF remain hard to satisfy. The current issues are the procedure used to circulate and receive comments on the Neg Dec Addendum approved by Council this past spring. They also have asked for clarification of items in the Bond Council Report.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 2 Funding

The SRF application for Phase 2 was submitted last week. There are some items in phase 2 that are needed to be completed, such as the environmental process, before they can be submitted. We have acknowledged those items with SRF and the schedule when they should be available.

The goal is to have all the elements: funding, design, and property acquisition, completed in January or shortly thereafter, with construction starting in the spring 2014.